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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs beginning on page 10, line 24 with the two following consecutive paragraphs:

Figure 5 shows an arrangement in which the cable 18, rather than running supported on the element, runs through the panel body. For this purpose, a cable bushing 21 is produced, comprising a hole ~~[[22]]~~ 20 in the panel body and a curved sealing connection piece 23 which narrows towards its free end, down to the cross-sectional dimension of the cable 18 or even less than this dimension, so that a seal is formed. The sealing connection piece 23 may consist of the same material as the sealing body 12. Moulding onto the outer side of the door internal element 3, which outer side is vitrified or has a hard skin, is optimum, in this case also with anchoring in a skin-like layer 16. Instead of adopting a curved shape there illustrated, the sealing connection piece 23 can also stand at right angles to the general plane of the door internal element 3, and then, if appropriate, be bent into any desired direction of run of the cable 18.

The cable bushing 21 illustrated in Figure 6 dispenses with a freely projecting design in the form of a connection piece or nozzle in favour of lining the hole ~~[[22]]~~ 20 which is present in that region over the thickness of the ~~element 1~~ door internal

element 3. In this case, the cable bushing 21 is formed by an edging 24 made from soft plastics material, suitably using the material employed for the sealing body 12, specifically under identical bonding conditions to those explained in that connection. An encircling cavity 25 is also considered. In practice, there is a hole-filling annular membrane, the central opening of which, as a result of the cable 18 being inserted, engages tightly against the said cable.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 35 with the following paragraph:

Figure 8 illustrates a holding collar 31, which is used to flange on a loudspeaker 32, illustrated in dot-dashed lines. The loudspeaker has a mounting flange 33. The dimensions of the loudspeaker 32 itself are adapted so that its edges can be supported on the exposed holding collar ³⁸ 31. The holding collar 31 may be made from hard PVC.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 20 with the following paragraph:

Figure 13, which illustrates the arrangement of the sealing body described above, in combination with Fig. 11, shows a particular arrangement of holes for securing elements to engage through. In the region of the section indicator XIII-XIII, Fig. 11 shows how anchoring apertures 60 are formed at the end face, distributed irregularly over the periphery of the door internal element 3.

Although they could be perforations or laser incisions, the apertures 60 illustrated are formed during the course of the foam injection process. The interior of the apertures 60 (cf. also Fig. 13) is therefore subjected to the same hard skin-forming conditions as those outlined in relation to the boundary layers 52 and the end layer 53, in other words: the ~~anchoring protrusions 60~~ anchoring apertures 60 which are produced by being moulded integrally acquire a solid, stabilizing hole lining 61. This is, as it were, formed as a sleeve-like section and constitutes a fixed material bridge, in the form of a tubular rivet, between the two boundary layers 52 which are space apart from one another by the central layer 54. The transition edges are rounded with a transverse convexity. In this way, the component is not squeezed together when a fastening element, such as for example a screw, is screwed in, or is not so easily squeezed together in the event of excessive force being used. Rather, a spring-loading action is formed by the restoring force. This contributes to securing the fastening. The said anchoring apertures 60 form layer-joining anchors with an extremely good stabilizing action. Due to the close proximity to the groove 57, the stabilizing action even extends to the mounting zone for the sealing body 12. There comes about also a mutual stabilizing of the entire periphery of the foam injection-formed body.
